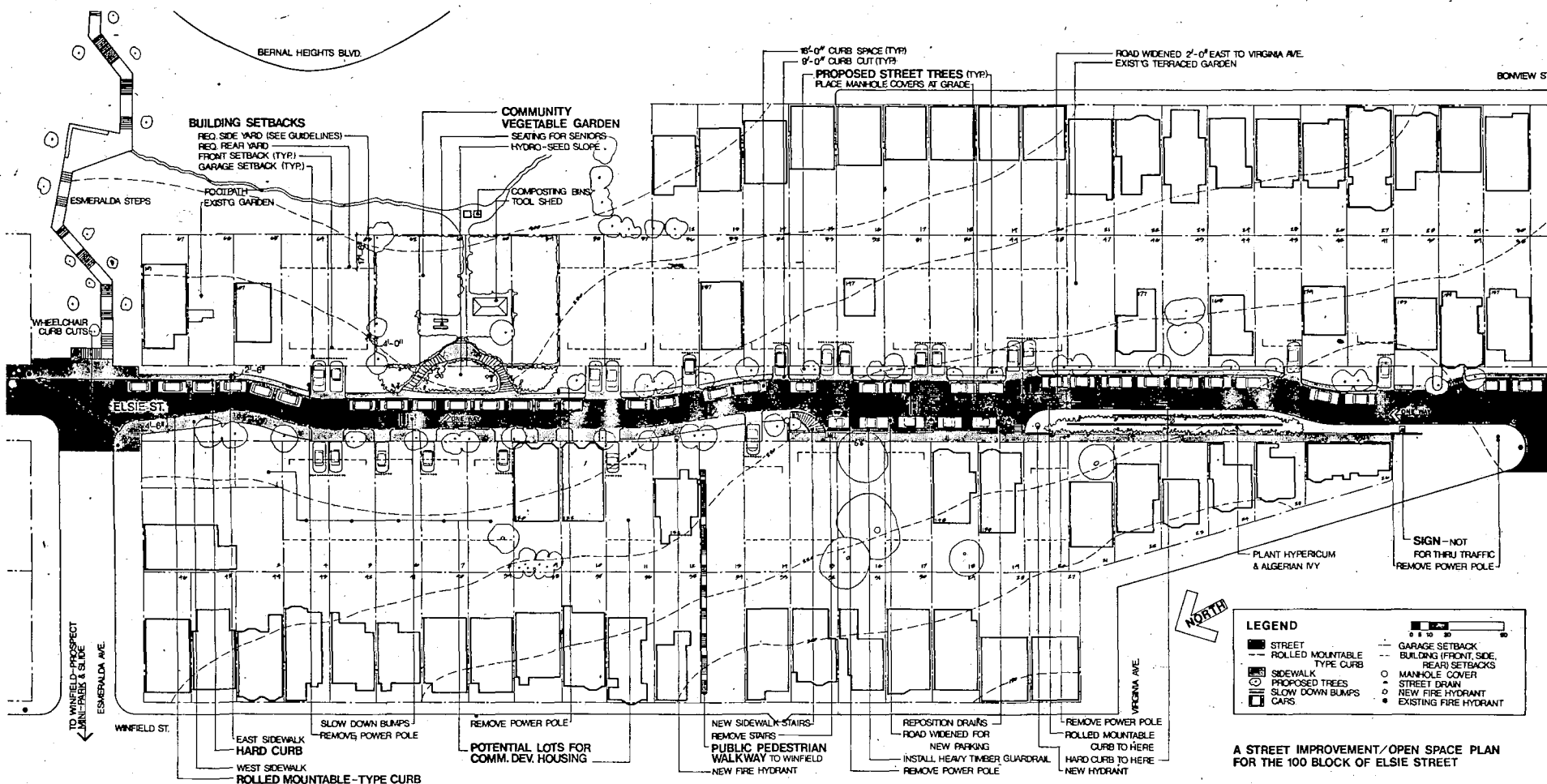


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ELSIE STREET STUDY PRESENTED AT MEETING

By
Roger Borgenicht & Buck Bagot

The Elsie Street Plan was presented to the community by the Northwest Bernal Block Club to approximately 200 neighborhood residents on March 27 at St. Kevin's Church. The plan was accepted by those present with near unanimity.

The plan represents a program for the development of the 100 block of Elsie Street. The plan is aimed at preserving the present architectural, integrated ethnic and socio-economic character of the neighborhood.

The plan has three parts: 1). A street improvement and open space plan; 2). Building criteria including design, energy and housing cost guidelines; 3). Neighborhood involvement in planning and development.

1). The street improvement and open space plan proposes specific street improvements that would permit safe access for fire and emergency vehicles; allow ample street parking for residents and their guests and preserve the almost rural character of the street. It also calls for the acquisition of four lots on the uphill side for a community garden and two lots on the downhill slope for a Elsie/Winfield public pedestrian walk-through.

2). Building criteria: The building design guidelines are an attempt to require that new construction be compatible with the scale and character of existing buildings. Included are recommendations on garage doors, curb cuts, side yards, set backs, facade elements and building bulk. The energy guidelines will encourage the building of energy efficient houses by using the guidelines set by the California State Energy Commission.

The Housing cost guidelines are designed to encourage the development of housing that low and moderate income people can afford and the development by owner occupants. The guidelines would not infringe upon the right of individual owners to develop their property.

Development by owner occupant would be encouraged. However both large and small "on spec" developers (that is building for sale on the open market) would be restricted to a reasonable profit of 10-15%. Continued on page 6.

East Bernal Development

By Robert J. Dutra

For nearly twenty years the future development of Bernal Heights has been a cause of controversy between residents and downtown interests. Presently the battle front has moved to the eastern slope of the hill. At stake are the last large tracts of undeveloped property and a community tracing itself back to the 1880's.

Preservation of low-density housing and open space, protection of adequate access and parking, and the continuation of the economic and social character of the neighborhood, are and have been, the constant themes of this controversy.

The eastern slope was cut off thirty years ago by the Bayshore Freeway to remain neglected and unchanged until skyrocketing real estate prices made it attractive to developers.

One of the chief attractions was cheap land; until a year ago lots

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sold for three to five thousand dollars. Today the same lots go for ten and up to twenty thousand dollars, the result of speculative pressures behind the real estate boom.

The present controversy concerns plans for a tract of eight, 85 thousand dollar homes to be built on a steep slope between Mullen and Holladay Avenues. These eight disputed lots were purchased by Wilfred Inc., a Florida-based company

owned by Lawrence Weissberg, in September, 1977, for \$36,000. Weissberg is also president of Homestead Saving and Loan, a local company.

In January of this year these same eight lots were sold by Weissberg to R.A. Development Inc for \$81,000. Richard Alvarez owns this company and is also senior vice president of Weissberg's Homestead S. & L.

In public hearings concerning his development plans, Alvarez has complained about this inflationary trend and claims the delays caused by neighborhood opposition threaten his R.A. Development Inc. with bankruptcy.

Alvarez has mortgaged his home and taken a personal loan of \$44,000 from Weissberg to complete his commitment to build the eight units. He also intends to build another unit on Mullen Ave. claiming he will live in that one. Alvarez presently lives in the Lake Merced area.

The Alvarez-Weissberg investment and development group are the same ones who were embroiled in controversy with the Elsie St. Group. They are also responsible for the disputed block of row houses recently constructed on the 400 block of Franconia.

In each case this development group has come into an undeveloped area with plans for filling

up the available lots. As one of their associates, Arthur Michael, boasted at a public hearing in City Hall, this group is prepared to build on every available site on Bernal Heights.

It is the purpose of developers to buy, build and sell. Neighborhood opposition is a risk the developer must take; the Alvarez-Weissberg group have taken this risk several times in several locations on this hill.

The question remaining unanswered is why the City Planning Department processes and approves these building permits when it is their responsibility to judge the extent of neighborhood opposition and impact upon a neighborhood's environment.

Time and again over the last three years questions concerning access, aesthetics, parking, street improvements, lack of city facilities, and fire and safety hazards have been raised by the neighborhoods targeted for development.

Time and again the Planning Department has issued permits in spite of these questions, over local opposition, and without offering any solutions to the outstanding problems.

On the western slope, the Elsie St. Group was forced to finance and conduct its own study just completed last week. The Mullen-Holladay Group is presently be-

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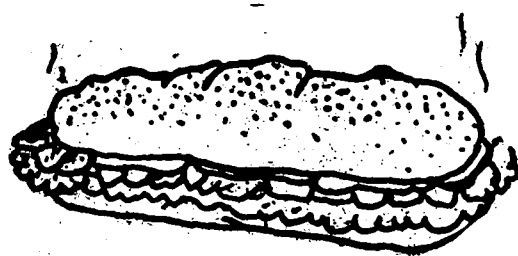
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ACTION Director Visits

By Ann Kyle Nolan

Sam Brown, a leading anti-war activist and President Carter's Director of ACTION in Washington, D.C., paid a visit to the C.O.M.O. office on Tompkins Street on March 28.

Action is the federal agency that administers the Peace Corps, Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP), Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions. The role of ACTION was considerably cut back during the Nixon Administration but is being revived under Brown's leadership.

C.O.M.O. now has two VISTA workers and is in line for 5 more by

June. Brown has shifted the direction of VISTA from provider of direct services to organizer of the community to obtain those services. Rather than have VISTAs working in childcare centers, he sees them mobilizing a neighborhood to fight for childcare centers.

Steve Rabisa, C.O.M.O. president, introduced Sam Brown to about 25 residents of the outer Mission, who expressed their concerns. A woman from the Crocker-Amazon described the accelerating crime situation in her neighborhood and felt a VISTA organizer working with residents could be more effective than the police.

Buck Bagot of the Northwest Bernal Block Club saw a role for or organizers on the Hill to assist the against housing speculation. Shawnee

Power of the Putnam Block Club needed organizing assistance for the completion of a mini-park. Father Chuck Regal spoke of the need for jobs for youth who might assist St. Kevin's tutorial program which is open to the entire community.

Mr. Brown spoke of his work in his own neighborhood association in Denver during the time he was State Treasurer of Colorado. Here he witnessed the lack of sensitivity of large federal programs to the "human dimension" of communities. He described a neighborhood movement across the country with people struggling to regain control of their lives and the place of the VISTA volunteers in advancing that fight.

Brown ended his visit with a short walking tour of the Cortland-Ellsworth area.

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ginning its study of the eastern slope in conjunction with the Community Design Center. And on the southern slope the building boom is rapidly becoming a cause of neighborhood concern for many of the same reasons.

It seem obvious that City Hall is out of touch with local concerns. It appears as if the Planning Department is unaware of the local environment and its peculiar problems. This situation is not too surprising.

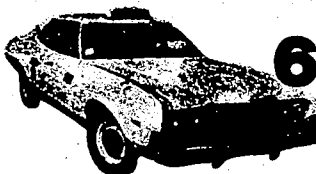
City maps are inaccurate, dirt roads aren't indicated, some sewers aren't recorded, old water mains are unmapped, lots haven't been surveyed in decades, records lost in the 1906 Fire have yet to be replaced, and new employees within the Planning Department obviously are unfamiliar with the area.

Yet permits are being issued

resulting in neighborhood-developer disputes that are costly and time consuming for both parties. New building aggravates existing problems and limits future planning options. Solutions for outstanding problems remain unresolved.

It is an effort to end this disruptive cycle which has led the Elsie St. and Mullen-Holladay Groups to say over and over again that planning must precede building. At the rate at which building is going up on this hill there will shortly be nothing to plan for and no options left, but plenty of remaining and worsened problems.

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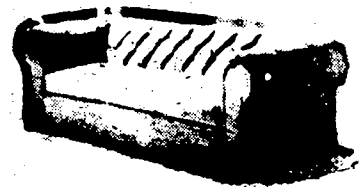
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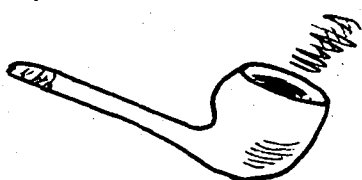
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Library Needs Friends

New Programs

By Mike Nolan

San Francisco Library Director John Frantz came to the Bernal Branch March 29 to ask for community support for an increased Library budget. About 25 Bernal residents listened to Franz and representatives of Friends of the Library and Keep Libraries Alive. Franz quoted from a recent survey which indicated the public wanted improved book collections and branches open evenings and Saturdays. These services are included in the budget request. Franz encouraged the group to lobby their district supervisors not to make any cuts in the Library money request.

District 9 Supervisor Lee Dolson arrived with aide Cathy Weills later in the meeting. Dolson sits on the Finance Committee which has first crack at reviewing the Mayor's budget. He offered support for the Library. One resident then asked Dolson about his position on the Jarvis-Gann initiative on the June 6 ballot quoting from a Library publication which said Library services would be cut 86% if it passed. Dolson said that was "bull" and that Proposition 13 was going to pass anyway.

Bernal Branch Librarian Ruth Maginnis spoke of the renovation going

on in the meeting space on the lower floor which will have a small kitchen, access for the handicapped and be available for neighborhood gatherings.

Library Notes

Adult programs for April at the Bernal Branch of the San Francisco Public Library, 500 Cortland Avenue.

1. "The Future of the Muni"
The future of the MUNI could be quite bleak, according to Wade Hudson of the MUNI Coalition, unless the people of San Francisco inform themselves and get involved in helping to save MUNI service. Hudson and other members of the MUNI Coalition will lead a discussion on "The Future of the MUNI" at Bernal Branch of the S.F. Public Library on Wednesday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited; admission is FREE.

2. "Landscapes by Thomas Gaviola"
Thomas Gaviola, neighborhood artist, will exhibit his paintings and drawings at the Bernal Branch Library from April 19 through May 31. There will be a reception for the artist at 7:30 p.m. on April 19 at the library.

3. "Sex Role Stereotyping"
The Women's Issues series continues at Bernal Branch Library with a discussion on Sex Role Stereotyping led by Robin Song on Wednesday April 26, 7:00 p.m., 500 Cortland Ave. Ms. Song has worked primarily with high school students, but this discussion is open to women and men of all ages and is FREE.

The photography show currently at the library will continue through April 18.

BHA Meeting

The Bernal Heights Association will be meeting on Monday April 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Precita Center, 534 Precita Avenue (just off Alabama)

ANNUAL ST. KEVINS FESTIVAL

St. Kevins invites everyone to our festival--a celebration of different cultures and people. This will be a celebration on the hill--food, games, music, prizes. It is our wish to serve all the people of Bernal Heights and to be a progressive social element as well as spiritual. We ask you to support and help us with our programs such as Summer of Love Summer Program serving kids of all faiths and beliefs. We are looking forward to a lot of fun and are hoping you will share in it for our festival....

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Peace and Thanks

Your friends from St. Kevins

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Ground is now being broken for a Community Garden on Bernal Blvd, a hop skip and jump east of Ellsworth St. This project is sponsored by the Bernal Fund and will be fenced and irrigated with monies obtained through a neighborhood improvement grant. People interested in gardening and/or supporting a new grant for related landscaping can get more information from the Community Gardening Project at 566-1340

Democratic Committee

Bernal residents Michael Nolan and Nancy Walker are among 16 candidates running for the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee on the June 6 ballot. Registered Democrats will be able to make 8 selections from the 16 candidates running in the 16th Assembly District which includes Bernal Heights, Bayview-Hunter's Point, Potrero Hill, the Mission, Noe and Eureka Valleys, South of Market, Chinatown, and North Beach.

Nancy Walker is President of the Bernal Heights Association. Michael Nolan ran third in last year's District 9 Supervisor's race but carried the most votes on Bernal Heights.

Help for Playground

Construction on two playground structures was begun at Paul Revere Annex, 610 Tompkins last summer by parents and staff of the school. Because the playground is open for use by all the children in the community, we would like to appeal for help from community people in completing the construction. Please contact Marion Wake, 648-1776 if you can help.

Bocana Street Poems

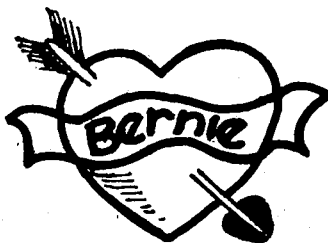
By

Anne Kyle Nolan

Someone on the hill
is playing the flute.
I can hear it now
riding the still air.

One little strain
seems to be catchy,
over and over
they play it again.

This is the hill
that homes my children.
Here on the hill
my love and I
live as lucky
as a man and woman.
House on rock
close to the sky.



There is a little boy, Philippino,
who lives across the street from me.
I can see him from my window
so I know
just how he looks and his mama too
and they both are Philippino.

Their house is stucco and has red tiles,
red tiles arch at the doorway.
The house next door is mustard colored.
Those folks come from Uruguay.

Well I just moved into my house.
My house is on the corner.
Here I sit and see who's who.
I call my house Sojourner.

Always when I look upon this corner
I wish there were more trees.
Little ones adorn the walk
with little spiny leaves.

Here have I come, still a young woman.
Here has my life secured me.
Just like a ship with salt on her hips
the ocean has matured me.
Blessed I am to have a house
and not but a fading glory.

Here I shall plant me some possible trees
and in their shade tell stories.

New Adult Classes in Bernal Heights

See schedule on back page. MISSION COMMUNITY COLLEGE will soon be opening its doors at Mission and Army at the old Sears Building. Plans include proposed child care services, day and evening classes, preparation for a high school diploma, and vocational training in several fields, including printing, secretarial, medical receptionist, etc.

STARTING APRIL 10, Bernal Heights, for the first time, will have extensive adult education classes in our neighborhood. There will be open enrollment and the classes will last for eight weeks. The schedule appears on the back page of the Bernal Journal.

If these proposed classes are successful, hopefully we will have others in September with your input as to type, place and time of class and who the teacher will be.

The problem for now is that each proposed class must have 20 students to remain open. We hope you will help us by talking to your friends and neighbors about these classes and checking them out for yourself.

The teachers are almost all from Bernal Heights and have a bachelor's degree and/or five years of experience.

GREG CATANI is currently co-editor of the Bernal Journal and will be helping people develop reading and writing skills through the journal-

istic media. Emphasis will be on writing for specific purposes and for specific audiences, but all levels of writing are accepted. Please don't feel as if you have to be able to write and read well in order to join the class.

PAMELA MORIN teaches art in the public schools with the Alvarado Art Project. She will help us turn ordinary, inexpensive materials into beautiful things for our homes, plus giving us some background of the tradition of woven materials.

ANN LACY can speak Spanish as well as English. She has lived and worked in South America and Mexico and made studies of their traditional pots. She will be teaching us how to hand-build these traditional and functional pots.

GAIL NEWMAN is a poet, teacher and editor of Room, a women's literary journal. She has been published in small magazines and anthologies and has been working with women's groups for five years. She will be teaching a writer's workshop with a special focus on women's writing.

And, JIM LIND. How many of us have appreciated his exquisite but powerful paintings so frequently displayed at various Nanny Goat Hill showings (on Folsom by the Precita Park C fe). He will not only teach us to paint but some rudimentary framing techniques.

VIVIAN LUNA is a long-time parishiner of St. Kevins and has volunteered much of her time to teach parents how to deal better with children. She will be teaching us how to make a little money by starting a day-care center in our homes. She speaks English and Spanish.

GERI HIJAB is a teacher of figure drawing and a math tutor at Woodrow Wilson. Geri has many ideas on how to make math exciting and interesting. Also she is highly qualified to help you work through your math requirements for a high school diploma.

BILL MORGAN has a long teaching background and has written an excellent easy-to-read book on helping children with reading. The book is available at Hav a Lik on Cortland. He will be teaching consumer math so we will be better able to balance checkbooks, prepare income tax forms, compute interest and perform necessary mathematical procedures to effectively make decisions affecting our economic lives.

Also he and Perry Bard will be teaching a beautiful reading course available to everyone (even if the person cannot read one work), who needs help, up to high school level. Outreach is needed for this course because those who can't read will not be reading this article.

ANA PEREZ has an extensive background as a dancer, theater person, herbalist and teacher of self defense. She will be teaching us to keep cool and protect ourselves on the streets and in our homes.

JERRY FILLINGIN, PAT SKALA AND STEVE BARTON will be teaching us how to effectively relate to our city government and how to get ourselves together sufficiently to make sure people listen to our needs. As you can imagine, a lot can be learned from course such as these, including skills of speaking, writing, listening and reading.

Profile:

Sup. Carol Ruth Silver

By
Phil Johnson

Carol Ruth Silver is the Supervisor for District 6, which includes the northern tip of Bernal Heights and much of the Mission district.

The Bernal Journal recently

talked to Supervisor Silver concerning issues affecting Bernal Heights.

Sup. Silver pointed to the need to build more moderate and low income housing in this area and the city. She said the lack of such building would "hurt all of us, in terms of the prices of homes and the quality of the neighborhood.

Silver indicated that she had not paid much attention to the development going on in Bernal Heights, but she said that development should not be stopped just because neighbors want the open space.

The issue of speculation in housing has been much debated in Bernal Heights and the city in general. Silver had many points to make on this issue.

Sup. Silver does not support the San Francisco Housing Coalition's anti-speculation tax ordinance, which would have a graduated tax on the net profit of the sale of houses, starting at 80% in the first year of ownership scaling down to 15% in the fifth year. This ordinance would have an Appeals Board to grant exemptions in special cases.

It is this appeals board that Sup. Silver finds objectionable. She opposes the institution of another discretionary board and a new level of bureaucracy. She supports a speculation tax which would have no exemptions, starting at 90% of the net

profit of sale in the first six months, scaling down 10% every six months from that time.

"I want to make the business of buying and selling houses unprofitable in San Francisco. I'm for everything that will hold down the price of housing," the supervisor said.

(Editor's note: The Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors recently shelved one anti-speculation ordinance, citing not wanting to artificially affect an open market.)

Sup. Silver also stated that she supported Sen. Behr's legislature bill for property tax relief and is opposed to the Jarvis-Gann initiative. The Behr bill would reduce local property tax bills approximately 30% and would use a 3 billion dollar state surplus to make up the difference in local budgets.

Jarvis-Gann would reduce property taxes 60%, causing local budgets to be reduced. In San Francisco this would mean a reduction of the city budget some between 10 and 15%. The local property tax only makes up one-third of the city's budget.

Sup. Silver said that people have to decide what services they want to get rid of if they want a lower budget. But she added that certain parts of the local budget are mandated by the state, notably health, schools and welfare and legally not be reduced locally.

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Elsie Study

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The speculative resale of property would be restricted through institution of an anti-speculation tax ordinance, modeled on the one written by the San Francisco Housing Coalition. This ordinance would tax profits from the quick resale of residential property on a graduated scale: 80% of the net profits if sold in the first year of ownership down to 15% of the net profit in the fifth year of ownership. If someone had to sell quickly because of illness, a new baby, a transfer out of town or any other good reason, they would be exempted from the tax by an Appeals Board.

3). The recommendation on neighborhood involvement in planning and development includes two parts: A). The Neighborhood Building Review Board would be an elected board of neighborhood residents that would ensure that new construction on the 100 block of Elsie met the neighborhood building criteria. It would encourage communication between the neighborhood and developers. Final approval of building plans would continue to rest with the City Planning Commission, but that body could only overturn the neighborhood board if its decision is inconsistent with the building criteria adopted or is arbitrary or capricious, or imposes an unjustified hardship on the applicant.

B). Community involvement in development. The NWBBC will be establishing a non profit, tax exempt community corporation to act as the vehicle for community involvement. This corporation would oversee street improvement and the acquisition of open space.

The corporation would also attempt to build housing for low and moderate income people through the acquisition of seven lots currently owned by Arthur Michael and the Homestead Development group. These homes would be limited for sale to owner-occupants.

The plan also calls for establishing a Bernal Heights Revolving Loan Fund. Community Development money used to acquire the seven Elsie St. lots would be recycled. Upon development and sale of the houses, the buyer would repay the cost of the land to the revolving fund. The money would then be used to acquire other lots on Bernal Heights for development by low and moderate income owner occupants.

The plan also recommends establishing a program for low interest loans for low and moderate income people to construct and rehabilitate housing stock. The block club is opposed to programs like FACE and RAP.

FACE and RAP blanket an area, requiring mandatory code enforcement on all houses. If owners don't utilize

the programs, they can lose their homes. RAP/FACE have no restriction against low interest loans being used by speculators and absentee landlords.

The block club believes homeowners have the right to upgrade their homes without being submitted to the threat of condemnation and expulsion from their homes. The plan recommends a voluntary code enforcement program and that low interest loans only be made available to owner-occupant.

The complete Elsie Street Plan will be available in the next few weeks and can be purchased at cost from the block club. For further information call 821-4417 or 648-2809.

Study Slated for East Bernal

By Robert J. Dutra

The Community Design Center, part of the University of California Extension on Haight Street, will conduct a study and develop a plan for the Eastern slope of Bernal Heights. They are doing this study at the request and with the cooperation of the Mullen-Holladay Group.

Chuck Turner, executive director of the Center, explains, "the east slope area in particular is characterized by one moderate one and two story single family dwellings; narrow, complicated, multi-level streets; and undeveloped vacant properties which contribute to a semi-rural character."

"However," he adds, "the area is plagued by inadequate access for fire, police, and emergency vehicles, unimproved streets and the threat of rapid residential development."

With the study and resulting plan, the Mullen-Holladay Group intend "to preserve the architectural, social, multi-racial, and economic character of our neighborhood." They hope to avoid the population shifts which often accompany redevelopment plans.

Many of the homes in the area were built under the 1907 Refugee Housing Act. These small, functional and moderately priced homes could serve as a model for future building.

Preservation of some part of the available open space is included in the study. The Sierra Club has offered its help in doing a biological study of the plant and wildlife in the area.

The duration of the study, a proposed suspension to building, the geographical limits, and the cooperation of the City Planning Department remain undetermined.

Memories of Elsie Street

By
Jean Hamer

(Editors note: This statement was delivered at the public meeting on the Elsie Street Plan March 27.)

The first invasion of Elsie Street came 30 years ago: I arrived with my 10 kids, four dogs and two canaries (which the neighborhood cats promptly ate). I bought an old house with 14 rooms, hopefully big enough to hold my group.

The hill was covered with wild sweetpeas, daffodils and wavering grass. Trees were everywhere, all the way to the old Stillman farm with its cattle, ducks, chickens, rabbits and big truck garden.

On Elsie Street there were 15 houses. Paths wandered from house to house. There were 35 kids - Shifters, Simmons and Hamers - they had swings in the trees and slides on the hill.

We dug a road by hand from the middle of Elsie Street to Eugenia to bring in lumber and supplies. Raccoons, billy goats, sheep dogs, cats and covered the hill. Life went on.

The next invasion was...skunks. Dozens of skunks with tails held high, indiscriminately spraying kids, dogs, cats, goats, sheep and rabbits with a perfume you could never scrub away. Most were trapped. One or two linger on.

The next big invasion of Elsie was the Street. We all gathered with flags waving the day work started. The first contractor built tall cement walls, tore up trees, dug ten foot craters with connecting tunnels, saw what he'd done and left town.

For two years we lived knee deep in mud, blowing dirt, learning to tightrope walk across boards laid across the holes.

Kids fell into the craters, breaking arms and legs, leaving pounds of flesh in every hole, sometimes being trapped for hours. Once in you could not get out - without help.

Then the rains came to Elsie. We were in the low lands. Our house was the target of the sewers. The rivers came, washing away two of the downstairs rooms. When the floors were gone, most of our days were spent hauling sewer water by buckets from the front room. The rest of the time, in the rain digging, trying to reroute the rivers.

After two years another contractor came and in time finished our Street. For this fun time we were rewarded: we got to pay sewer and Street assessments...but we survived.

Then FACE came. Sweeping over the hill to fix us up pretty. They tore down and condemned nine houses of our suffering old community. Old friends had to leave. But we that were left hung in, fixing what we could, taking deep breaths, hoping for peace.

Then came Michaels.

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Walking Tour of

East Bernal

by Rex Israel

Come along on a walking tour of an interesting section of Bernal Heights. You'll see some wonderful old Victorian homes along the way.

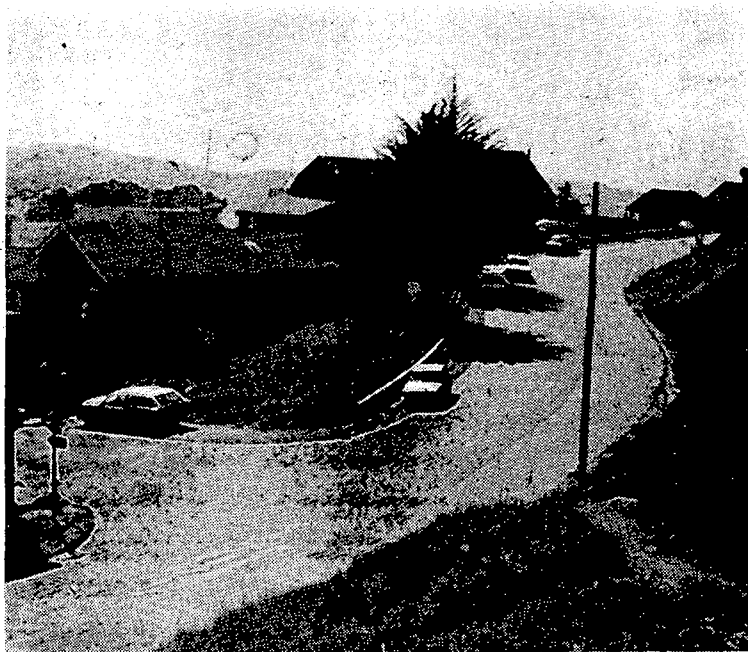
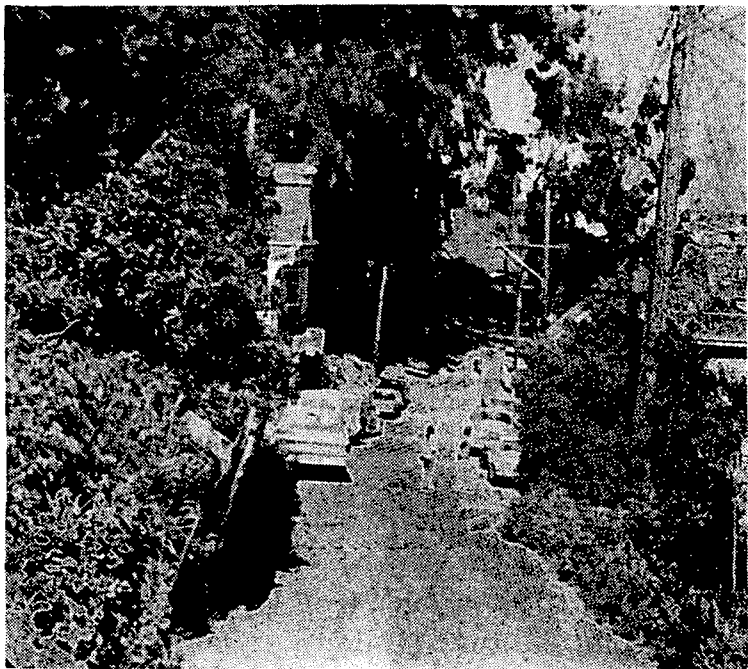
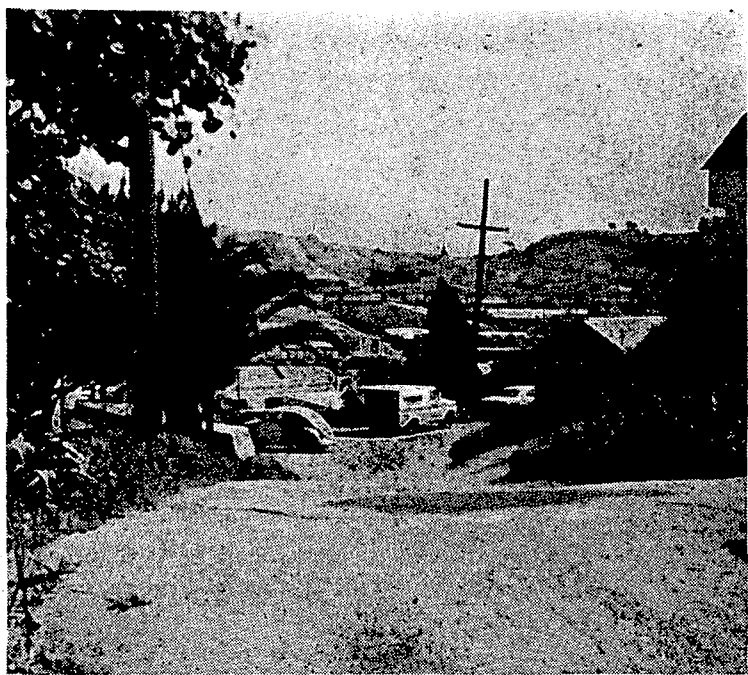
Start your walking tour at the corner of Peralta and York. Begin walking east on York up the hill to Montcalm. Turn right on Montcalm and walk one block south, past the old Montcalm Market to Mullen.

Here you make a left and head down Mullen. It becomes a dirt road at this point and winds southward along some very picturesque country scenery. Don't be surprised if you should happen upon some domestic ducks sunning themselves on the hillside. You will also pass a very beautiful grove of eucalyptus trees.

Follow the dirt road via Brewster and Franconia all the way to Powhattan and then turn right and walk west up to Ellsworth. From here you can walk up to Bernal Heights Blvd, and then it's just a short climb on up to the summit of Bernal Hill.

If it's a nice day take along a snack and have yourself a picnic along the ridge. The view is spectacular. You can see all the way from the East Bay to Twin Peaks. The hill is especially beautiful at this time of the year--very green and many wild flowers are in bloom.

When you've seen enough, hike along the ridge east down to Esmeralda, then to Franconia, and from there to Rutledge. Walk west on Rutledge to Peralta, turn right and follow Peralta, descending the wooden stairs.



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10:30-12:30. Dance Class (\$3 or \$10 for 5 classes) 1499 Potrero

TUESDAY

9-12 E.S.L.*1335 Shotwell

9:30-11:30. Textiles, Weaving and Dying. Pamela Morin. 555 Tompkins (multi-Purpose Room)

10:30-12:30. Dance Class. 1499 Potrero (\$10/5 classes)

WEDNESDAY

9-12 E.S.L.*704 Cortland

10:30-12:30 Dance Class. 1499 Potrero (\$10/5 classes)

THURSDAY

9-12 E.S.L.*1335 Shotwell

Afternoon

MONDAY

3:30. Mime. 1499 Potrero

TUESDAY

1-3 Training for Day-Care in your home. Vivian Luna. 307 Cortland. Eng-Sp

1-3 Sewing 1335 Shotwell (Sp)

1-3 Math for Everyone. Geri Hijab. 3125 Army

THURSDAY

1-3 Consumer Math. Bill Morgan 555 Tompkins

FRIDAY

1-3 Basic Reading. Bill Morgan & Kerry Bard. 555 Tompkins.

1 p.m. Organic Gardening 1499 Potrero

SATURDAY

1-5. Auto Mechanics
Sp-Eng. every other Sat.

Evening

MONDAY

7-9 Self-Defense for the Moderate. Ana Perez. 555 Tompkins(all purp.rm)

7-9 English Skills through Journalism. Greg Catani. 555 Tompkins. Teachers Room.

7-9 Home Repair. Larry Cannon. 534 Precita

7. Yoga 1499 Potrero (\$50/10 classes)

TUESDAY

7-9. S.F. Neighborhoods and City Government. Pat Skala and Steve Barton. 13125 Army

7-9 Writer's Workshop. Gail Newman. 1325 Army. Rm 103

7-9. Creative Painting and Framing. Jim Lind. 1325 Army. Ro. 106

7-9 How to Draw Everything. 534 Precita.

THURSDAY

7-9 Precita Eyes Arts Workshop. 534 Precita

7-9. Conflict, Communication & Personal Power. Jerry Fillingim. 307 Cortland.

*E.S.L.= English as a Second Lang.

555 Tompkins=Paul Revere Elem. Sch. 3125 Army=Le Conte Elem. Sch.

534 Precita=Precita Center

307 Cortland=Bernal Hts Com. Cntr.

1335 Shotwell=Campaneros(St.Anthony)

704 Cortland=St. Kevins

1499 Potrero=The Farm

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL CLASSES ARE TUITION-FREE.

Adult Ed. Cont

LARRY CANNON is the new assistant director of Precita Center. He will be teaching us how to do the minor repairs around our homes as well as to oversee the more difficult ones so we won't get cheated.

PERRY BARD will share teaching the pottery and reading classes. Another Bernal Heightzer, she has shown her pottery at Nanny Goat Gallery and tutors children with special reading problems in the public schools.

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